(b) whether the State Government has taken adequate measures in this respect; and

(c) what steps the Central Government propose to take to stop this obnoxious practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Some cases of extortion of money from business houses in Assam by the militant outfits including ULFA and NDFB have come to the notice of the Government. Whereever the cases of extortions are reported, action is taken to nab the extortionists and prosecute them as per law. Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter-alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations and declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Human Massacre in Bihar

†365. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated the 5th June, 2000 under the caption "Bihar mein fir Nar Samhar", togetherwith the measures taken by Government to prevent the same; and

(b) the number of homicides committed, year-wise and location-wise, in Bihar during the last five years; the number of docoities committed location-wise, the number of people killed by extremists, the number of houses burnt to ashes, togetherwith the measures taken to check the recurrence of all these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Legislative measure to replace TADA

366. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a new legislative

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

4166RS F—5-A

measure to replace the TADA which has since been lapsed;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed Bill;

(c) whether the viewpoints of all political parties and the State Governments would be elicited before bringing in the new measure and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the proposed Bill would be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for combating terrorism was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995, when the erstwhile Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This bill has remained pending due to absence of political consensus on the passing of this Bill. On the advice of this Ministry, the Law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000. The draft bill seeks to provide Law enforcement agencies with suitable powers to effectively deal with the growing menace of terrorism in the country. It also contains adequate provisions for checking misuse of the powers by investigating agencies. The Government has invited the views of all the State Governments on the various provisions of the bill. The Government will hold consultations with political parties and other concerned agencies/groups before taking a final view. No time frame can be laid as to when the draft Bill can be brought before Parliament.

Campaign for Jehad against Hindus

367. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Student's Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has started a campaign to prepare Muslim Minorities for a full blown Jehad (holy war) against Hindus;

(b) whether provocative posters, cassettes and other publicity materials printed in Urdu are being circulated by the SIMI in a clandestine manner; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to stop spreading of communal violence in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) (a) to (c) Reports have been received about the distribution of publicity material by this organisation in a clandestine manner.